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SUBJECT: THREATS TO SECURITY OF AMERICAN MISSION STAFF
AND PROPERTY

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1. AS FOLLOW-UP TO REFTTEL, FOLLOWING IS CROSS-SECTION
SAMPLING OF INCIDENTS INVOLVING DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL WHICH
HAVE OCCURRED SINCE PREPARATION OF FOREGOING

2. PERSONAL AUTOMOBILES OF DCM'S SECRETARY AND OF DEFENSE
ATTACHE STOLEN. LATTER RECOVERED SEVERAL DAYS LATER BUT
WAS FULLY STRIPPED. FORMER WAS STOLEN FROM "GUARDED"
PARKING LOT AND REMAINS UNRECOVERED

3. AT RISK TO HIS PERSONAL SAFETY, ONE AMERICAN MEMBER OF
EMBASSY STAFF HAD TO BLOCK PHYSICALLY THE ASSAULT AND
POSSIBLE MURDER OF A NEXT-DOOR SERVANT DURING INCIDENT
IN EARLY EVENING IN HIS OWN FRONT YARD.

4. SECRETARY TO GERMAN AMBASSADOR ROBBED AT GUNPOINT
IN FRONT OF GERMAN EMBASSY CHANCERY DURING PEAK OF
AFTERNOON RUSH HOUR ON MAIN THOROUGHFARE.

5. AT LEAST FIVE DIFFERENT FEMALE STAFF OF BRITISH
HIGH COMMISSION (75 YARDS FROM AMEMBASSY ON SAME STREET)
HAVE BEEN ASSAULTED OR MUGGED IN FRONT OF BRITISH
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CHANCERY DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS

6. AT A FAR LOWER LEVEL OF SERIOUSNESS (BUT TYPICAL OF
FREQUENT OCCURRENCES HERE) DCM'S WIFE WAS
TARGET OF A MANGO THROWN AT HER FROM DISTANCE OF ABOUT
8 FEET WHILE SITTING IN CAR AT A BUSY INTERSECTION.
DRIVER'S WINDOW ROLLED UP AND NO HARM SUFFERED. IF WINDOW
HAD BEEN DOWN, SHE COULD HAVE SUFFERED SERIOUS INJURY.

7. CANADIAN COUNSELOR' S RESIDENCE STRIPPED OF ALL
VALUABLES. HIS AUTO STOLEN TO TRANSPORT VALUABLES AND
SUBSEQUENTLY DESTROYED DORRANCE

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